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Interfaith Welfare to Work Initiative



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What is Partners for Hope?

- Partners for Hope is a partnership between DHS local offices and faith communities (churches, synagogues, etc.).
- Partners for Hope helps individuals and families become and stay self-sufficient.
- Partners for Hope provides DHS clients and their families access to programs and services through the faith community.

How do I get help from Partners for HOPE?

- Visit your local office and ask to speak with the Partners for Hope liaison or your caseworker.
- The Partners for Hope liaison or caseworker will help link you to the types of services you need.

Examples Of Faith Community Services Being Offered Across Illinois...

Employment and Training

Job Leads ■ Resumé Writing ■ Job Readiness and Skills Development Training ■ Mentors
Rides to Work ■ Meeting Rooms for Job Clubs

Youth Services

Drug Abuse Prevention Activities ■ Coaching ■ Teen REACH After-School and Summer Programs

Domestic Violence

Pastoral Counseling

Substance Abuse

Pastoral Counseling ■ Mentors

Senior Services

Help Understanding Medical Assistance ■ Rides to Services ■ Hosting Health Services

Child Care

Back-Up Child Care ■ Evening and Weekend Emergency Child Care

... and many more programs.

How does Partners for Hope work?

DHS local offices share with faith communities information about available programs and services. In turn, faith communities share information on the ministries and services they have or would like to start. The local offices and faith communities together decide the best ways to work with each other to provide new services or enhance existing ones.

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As a faith community leader, how do I make a connection with DHS?

Call the DHS local office nearest you and make an appointment to meet with the local office administrator and Partners for Hope liaison. During the meeting:

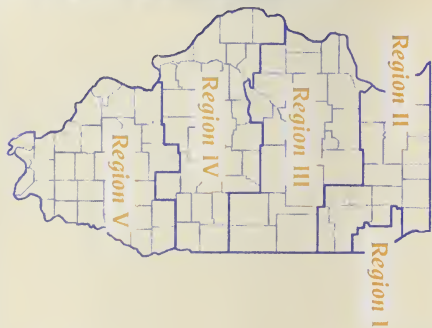
- Talk about the services your faith organization is providing to the community.
- Point out your community's needs and explain how your program is helping your members, the community and DHS clients.
- Tell how long you have served the community, whether your program is run by volunteer or paid workers and how many DHS clients your program is serving.
- If you are setting up a program for the first time, talk about your community's needs and how to start a program.

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For Programs In Your Area Call:

Region I Coordinator -	312/793-1398 (V and TTY)
Region II Coordinator -	815/987-7702 (V and TTY)
Region III Coordinator -	309/671-4966 (V and TTY)
Region IV Coordinator -	217/524-6321 (V and TTY)
Region V Coordinator -	618/583-2085 (V and TTY)